

Mock Election 2007: Internet Research Guide and Recommended Activities

Teachers may use as many or as few external resources or recommended activities as they see fit for their classroom type, curriculum, and grade level. As in any election, the more informed that voters are about the candidates and issues, the better prepared they will be for making decisions.

Recommended Activities

- Invite local politicians and candidates to visit with students.
- Research candidates (official websites listed below) and key issues by browsing the internet and collecting news articles.
- Divide students into teams, and hold a mock debate about candidates and issues.
- Analyze and respond to political cartoons and advertisements.
- Have students write their own newspaper editorials endorsing candidates and arguing their stance on key local, state, or national issues. Send best submissions to your local or school newspaper.
- Take students on a brief field trip to your County Clerk's office or local polling place for a voting machine demonstration.
- Allow high school students who will be 18 years of age before the next general election to register to vote (registration cards available online at <http://elect.ky.gov/register.htm> or at your County Clerk's office).

Lesson Plans and Teacher Resources

Youth Leadership Initiative

<http://www.youthleadership.net/>

- Government and civics lesson plans on campaign advertising, political ideologies, and other election related topics.
- Offers state-specific core content-alignment.
- Requires that teachers register themselves.

Kentucky Elections

Office of the Secretary of State
Kentucky State Board of Elections

<http://sos.ky.gov/elections/>
<http://elect.ky.gov/>

Kentucky Political Party's

The Democratic Party
The Republican Party

<http://www.dnc.org>
<http://www.gop.com>

Constitutional Candidate Websites

Governor/ Lt. Governor

Ernie Fletcher/ Robbie Rudolph (R)
<http://www.erniefletcher.com/>

Steve Beshear/ Daniel Mongardio (D)
<http://www.stevebeshear.com/>

Attorney General

Jack Conway (D)
<http://jackconway.org/main/>

Stan Lee (R)
<http://www.stanlee2007.com/>

Secretary of State

C.M. "Trey" Grayson (R)
<http://www.treygrayson.com/>

Bruce Hendrickson (D)
<http://www.hendricksonforsecofstate.com/>

Auditor of Public Accounts

Linda Greenwell (R)
www.lindagreenwell.com

Crit Luallen (D)
<http://www.critluallen.com/>

State Treasurer

L.J. "Todd" Hollenbach (D)
<http://www.hollenbach-treasurer.com/index.html>

Melinda L. Wheeler
<http://www.melindawheeler07.com/>

Agriculture Commissioner

Richie Farmer (R)
<http://www.richiefarmer.net/>

David L. Williams (D)